

Joint Consultative Group

between the World Council of Churches and the Pentecostal World Fellowship

18–22 October 2024

Ecumenical Institute at Bossey

Communiqué

The first Plenary of the Fourth Mandate of the Joint Consultative Group (JCG) between the World Council of Churches (WCC) and the Pentecostal World Fellowship (PWF) convened at the Ecumenical Institute at Bossey, hosted by the WCC, from 18 to 22 October 2024. The meeting was co-moderated by Rev. Dr Jennifer S. Leath (African Methodist Episcopal Church, Canada) and Dr Jean-Daniel Plüss (Pentecostal Assemblies of Switzerland).

The primary objectives were to foster relationships among participants, share the priorities of the parent bodies, provide a comprehensive understanding of the history and accomplishments of the JCG so far, reflect on the “Terms of Reference” for the current mandate, engage in Bible studies, share personal faith journeys and ecclesial stories, reflect on “foundations of faith”, determine the methodologies for future work, and engage inter-generationally with the students of the Ecumenical Institute at Bossey. Daily sessions were accompanied by morning and evening prayer organized by Bossey students or JCG members. The JCG members heard four presentations on the foundations of faith: (1) creeds and councils, (2) marks of the church, (3) baptism, (4) Nicaea and the Spirit.

Meeting amidst the beauty of the Ecumenical Institute at Bossey, with views of Lake Geneva and the majestic French Alps, the JCG came together for prayer, study, and fellowship in the power of the Resurrection.

The JCG gives thanks to God for this opportunity to serve the Church and expresses gratitude for the generous hospitality of the WCC. The JCG prays that future gatherings continue to reflect the grace of the Triune God, guiding us to live out our faith in service and love for one another.